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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☒ B. Copies of all references which are foreign patents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are being supplied.
- ☐ C. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No., from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b) are not now being supplied.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b) were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b) are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b) are not now being supplied.

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- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b) were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance

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IV. Additional Information



A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b), Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the Following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a(08b), Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided below:

PARALLEL REFERENCES

DE 3305408	=	EP 0099010
DE 3931550	=	US 4875476
EP 0670705	=	WO 95/06449

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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